

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A G E N D A

TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE

March 15, 2007 - 7:30 P.M. - Council Chambers - Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION BY COUNCILMAN HOWARD

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS AND ADOPTION:

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| 1. Certificate of Recognition (C. Ray Daisey) | (Page 1 of 9) |
| 2. Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant with Town Matching Dollars
(Presented by Mr. Robert Behr, President of the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance) | (Page 2 of 9) |
| 3. Town Stance on the Park Entrance Fee, for the Comment letter | (Page 8 of 9) |
| 4. Mayor & Council Announcements or Comments
(Note: Roberts Rules do not allow for discussion under comment period) | |

ADJOURN:

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CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, *C. Ray Daisey began serving the Town of Chincoteague as a member of the Town's Planning Commission on January 3, 2005.*

WHEREAS, *C. Ray Daisey served with gentle sincerity and a commitment to assure that a high quality of life would be preserved for the residents during a period of rapid growth, which has contributed greatly to the betterment of the Town and its residents.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that the Mayor and Council recognize that C. Ray Daisey will be sorely missed and express their sincere appreciation to him and his family for his dedicated years of service and personal sacrifices made on behalf of the Town of Chincoteague.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that the Mayor and Council wish C. Ray Daisey and his family success in all future endeavors and direct the Town Manager to make this resolution a part of the permanent records of the Town of Chincoteague as a lasting symbol of appreciation and gratitude to C. Ray Daisey.*

WHEREAS, it is deemed an honor and a privilege to present this

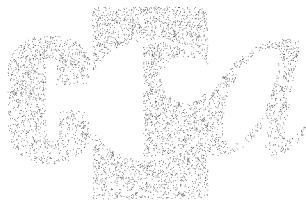
Certificate of Recognition to

MR. C. RAY DAISEY

on this 5TH day of March 2007

John H. Tarr
Mayor

Anita Speidel
Vice Mayor



**Chincoteague
Cultural Alliance**

PO Box 257, Chincoteague Island, VA 23038
www.ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org
ChincoteagueCA@sol.com

**To: Mayor John Tarr
Vice Mayor Anita Speidel
Councilwoman Ellen Richardson
Councilwoman Nancy Conklin
Councilman David Ross
Councilman Terry Howard
Councilman Glenn Wolffe
Robert Ritter, Town Manager**
From: Bob Behr, President-Chincoteague Cultural Alliance
Date: March 12, 2007
RE: Virginia Commission for the Arts/Grant Application

Enclosed please find a draft copy of the Virginia Commission for the Arts
2007-2008 Local Government Challenge Grant Application for your review.
Your requested changes will be incorporated into the document.

Please note this grant requires a 1 to 1 dollar match. The maximum is \$5,000
from Town of Chincoteague and the Virginia Commission for the Arts will
match with \$5,000. After confirmation of the grant award, each local
government will confirm in writing to the Commission that its governing
board has appropriated the matching funds. The Commission will pay the
grant in full after receiving this confirmation.

Please accept my sincere, thank you, for your valuable time and careful
consideration regarding our grant request.



2nd Saturdays
Art Simul



Chincoteague Cultural Alliance
PO Box 257
Chincoteague Island, VA 23038

Chincoteague Cultural Alliance (CCA) is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization formed to enhance community life on Chincoteague Island and the Eastern Shore by fostering and promoting the growth and vitality of arts and culture. CCA sponsors the Second Saturdays Art Simul and Chincoteague Concerts.

2007-2008 Local Government Challenge Grant

1. Applicant local government name, address, zip code.

Town of Chincoteague
6150 Community Drive
Chincoteague Island, VA 23336

2. Telephone, fax, e-mail, URL.

757-336-6519 (Phone)
757-336-1965 (FAX)
www.chincoteague-va.gov (URL)

3. Federal Employer ID number.

4. Contact Person.

Robert Ritter, Town Manager 757-336-6519 (phone) or ritter@chincoteague-va.gov (email)

5. Amount of Virginia Commission for the Arts assistance requested for fiscal year 2007-2008.

\$5,000.00

6. Proposed local government arts appropriation for fiscal year 2007-2008.

\$5,000.00

7. Local independent arts organizations will receive the Commission grant money subgrant. (After the Commission grant has been approved, any changes in the allocation of sub-grants to local arts organizations must be approved by the Commission.)

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Mailing Address/Contact Person</u>	<u>Proposed VCA Grant Share</u>
Chincoteague Cultural Alliance	P.O. Box 257, Chincoteague, VA 23336 Contact: Robert Behr, President	100%

8. What is the process for awarding the above grants? The Town of Chincoteague's Town Council and mayor voted and approved the pending grant award to the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance at the March 15, 2007 meeting.

Who is involved in making these decisions?

The Town of Chincoteague's mayor, John Tarr and town council members

What criteria are sought in evaluating applicants?

#1-Ability to create and produce high quality arts programming for the entire community.

#2-A proven track record of successful visual arts exhibitions, musical concerts, creative writing workshops and public arts projects.

DRAFT

Need ID#

This can be changed if needed.

9. Attach a copy of the list of your current board/council members. SEE ENCLOSURE

12. A brief description of the arts organization.

The mission of the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance is to enhance community life on Chincoteague Island and the Eastern Shore by fostering and promoting the growth and vitality of the arts and culture.

The organization's goals are as follows:

- To create opportunities for residents and visitors to experience and learn about the arts
- To create a supportive environment for artists that improves their capacity to contribute to community life
- To cultivate collaborations that advance community and economic development through the promotion of arts and culture
- To create an ongoing, highly public demonstration of Chincoteague's emerging "Arts and Cultural District" authorized by the Virginia State Legislature in 2006
- To support Chincoteague's vital tourist economy by enhancing and promoting the town's attractiveness as a cultural destination

The Chincoteague Cultural Alliance (CCA) has an outstanding record of producing major arts events on every second Saturday of the month from April to December beginning in 2004. The 2nd Saturday Art Stroll features presentations at various venues in the town of Chincoteague, including art galleries, the Island Public Library, public parks and the Island Roxy Theatre. Examples include arts and crafts exhibitions, artist demonstrations, book signings, readings by local and nationally recognized authors, participatory poetry and painting extravaganzas, musical and theatrical performances and "the unexpected". The majority of the events are free and open to the public. On September 8, 2007 CCA will conduct its fourth annual Plein Air art event. More than forty highly regarded, professional artists from points up and down the east coast will paint for one or two days on Chincoteague and Assateague Islands. Their work will be displayed and offered for sale during a public reception and viewing. In 2006, CCA partnered with the Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival in Easton, Maryland to produce its first major Chamber Music Concert featuring the grand prize winner (David Trio from Italy) of the Chesapeake Chamber Music Competition. During 2006 CCA launched its acoustic music concert series with sell-out audiences attending all three performances. The spring 2007 concert series begins in March and will run monthly through June. In 2005 and 2006, CCA sponsored day-long Native American Heritage Festivals prior to the November 2nd Saturday Art Strolls. CCA is an all volunteer organization (501c3-non profit) with a membership and board that is very active, dedicated and hard working. Partnering with various Eastern Shore organizations and schools are ongoing and paramount to CCA's mission.

**CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCES AND GRANT CONDITIONS 2007-2008 FOR
LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTEES
OF THE VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS (COMMISSION)**

Virginia Commission for the Arts grantees are required to be non-profit Virginia organizations and exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a), which includes the 501(c)3 designation of the Internal Revenue code, or are units of government, educational institutions, or local chapters of tax exempt national organizations.

No part of any Commission grant shall be used for any activity intended or designed to influence a member of Congress or the General Assembly to favor or oppose any legislation.

Each Commission grantee will:

- provide accurate, current and complete financial records of each grant.
- maintain accounting records which are supported by source documentation.
- maintain effective control over and accountability for all funds, property, and other assets ensuring that assets are used solely for authorized purposes.
- maintain procedures ensuring timely disbursement of funds.
- provide the Commission, or its authorized representatives, access to the grant-related financial records.

The grantee will expend any and all grant funds only for purposes described in the application form and attachments. The grantee must request permission in writing to make substantial changes in budget, schedule, program, personnel. The requested changes must be approved in advance by the Commission. NOTE: If any project receiving grant support from the Commission has actual income in excess of expenses, the grantee must use these funds for other arts activities and the Commission must approve the organization's use of any of these excess funds up to the amount of the grant.

Each Commission grantee will comply with these federal statutes and regulations:

Title VI, Section 601, of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which provides that no person, on the ground of race, color or national origin, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Title IX, Section 1681, of the Education Amendments of 1972, which provides that, with certain exceptions, no person, on the basis of sex or age, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Americans With Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination against persons with physical or mental disabilities in federally assisted programs. Compliance with this Act includes the following: notifying employees and beneficiaries of the organization that it does not discriminate on the basis of handicap and operation of programs and activities which, when viewed in their entirety, are accessible to persons with disabilities. Compliance also includes maintenance of an evaluation plan developed with the assistance of persons with disabilities or organizations representing disabled persons which contains: policies and practices for making programs and activities accessible; plans for making any

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No final report is required for the Local Government Challenge Grant. Each local government will confirm in writing to the Commission that its governing board has appropriated the matching funds. The Commission will pay the grant in full after receiving this confirmation.

This form must be signed by an individual duly authorized by the governing body of the locality to act on its behalf and submitted with every grant application made to the Commission. The signature of the individual indicates the locality's compliance with all of the grant conditions listed above.

- the information in this application and its attachments is true and correct;
- the filing of this application has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant organization;
- the applicant organization agrees to comply with all grant conditions cited above.

John H. Tarr	Mayor
Typed Name of Authorizing Official	Title

Applicant Locality Name: Chincoteague Island, Virginia

From: [WANDA THORTON](#)
To: [Rob Ritter;](#)
CC:
Subject: FW: Assateague Seashore - Comments on Proposed Parking Fees
Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2007 1:07:37 PM
Attachments:

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Miner [mailto:sminer@co.accomack.va.us]
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2007 5:31 PM
To: ASIS_Superintendent@nps.gov
Cc: 'WANDA THORTON'
Subject: Assateague Seashore - Comments on Proposed Parking Fees

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the County Administrator for Accomack County. Due to the timing of this matter, it has proven impossible for the Board to consider a more formal resolution as it might normally do. Therefore, please accept the following comments regarding the proposed parking fee for Assateague Beach Parking as my own, but made in my official capacity as Chief Administrator for the County of Accomack, Virginia. Assateague beach is located partially within our county and the entrance for which the fees were advertised is located entirely here.

The beach area and Assateague is a critical economic asset to our economy, as I am sure you know. It is our only public access to an ocean beach and each year it hosts many visitors from around the US and the world. For nearly every one of these visitors, a visit to that beach is a critically important part of their experience here. For this reason, any fee that might serve to create a barrier to this visitation would prove harmful to the economy of Accomack County. We note that beach visitation was down last year. Added fees, if assessed too high, can have a self-limiting effect. For this reason, it seems preferable that you not increase the fees at all; however, if increased, please keep the increase to a specific use for parking maintenance and keep it as small as you can.

I participate in the local leadership exchange meetings with the NPS and the Wildlife Refuge officials. Those officials work hard to fulfill their missions and I

realize that the maintenance of a parking area on Assateague has proven to be problematic for some time. Losing the parking on the beach would be a very bad thing for tourists and locals alike. One of the things that strikes me is the wide variety of users this beach has. For those coming on a once a summer vacation, it can offer a wonderful experience. For us here, this beach and the park is also a sporting ground for fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing. Many folks here visit it regularly and it is a regular part of our lives.

Please be mindful of this when you address the fee issue. If there is to be an increase, I ask that:

- 1) All fees are collected at the entrance.
- 2) Fees on the North End are similar to the Southern end of Assateague.
- 3) If fees are increased premised on parking lot problems, these fees should be earmarked for parking and used as a revolving fund to maintain the parking without being diverted to other uses.
- 4) In particular, for sake of local citizens, we ask that the fee, if any, be applied in such a manner that it not turn out to be a fee which is lodged continually against them for their daily or regular access. There should not be a daily fee, but one placed on weekly or seasonal passes.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely,

Steven B. Miner
County Administrator
Accomack County
P.O. Box 388
Accomac, VA 23301